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# Fiercest Fight of Session Now on State Election Bill

## REGULARS NEED BUT ONE VOTE

In This Can be Found They Will Have Constitutional Majority.

## BOTH SIDES ARE COUNTING

Congressman Sells and Governor Hooper are Leading the Fight Against the Proposed Change in the Election Laws—Luke Lea Also on Scene.

Nashville, Tenn., April 12.—The fiercest fight of the present session of the legislature is now on with both sides straining every nerve to achieve victory. The election bill, which proposes to increase the membership of the state board from three to seven, is the bone of contention. Three of the independents who signed the bill when it was introduced in the house, are said to have changed their minds on the ground that they did not understand its provisions leaving only Speaker Leach and Representative Swan, of the fusion side to support the measure.

The regulars count on 46 votes, their full strength. With Leach and Swan they will get 48. It is rumored one republican will vote for the bill. This, if true, gives the bill 49 votes, just one short of a constitutional majority.

Where to get the one vote is the problem which confronts the regulars. That tremendous efforts are being made

to corral this one vote is evident but up to tonight the advocates of the bill could not say positively that they had it. The fusionists realize that the bill will have a majority in the house, but they assert it will not have the necessary half hundred. If the bill every passes, and it is sure to come to a vote within the next day or two, the governor's veto will have no effect, as the vote that will pass it will stand solid against a veto. This is conceded even by the fusionists.

The senate is sure to accept the house bill if it ever passes.

Senator Lea is here, but whether he is taking a hand in the fight cannot be definitely determined. Congressman Sells, however, is reputed to be in the thick of the fight and Gov. Hooper is known to be bending every energy to prevent the bill's passage.

The democrats say enactment of this bill means the defeat of Hooper next year, and the carrying of the state for the democrat nominee for President. They also claim the bill will be fair to all sides, as all factions in each party will be given representation.

If the bill passes it means, in the opinion of the shrewdest observers, the disintegration of the fusion forces and a solidifying of the democratic strength.

## FELL FIVE STORIES ON HEAD, STILL LIVES

San Francisco, April 11.—George P. Egan, of Los Angeles, still lives after falling five stories from the window of a San Francisco hotel last night and alighting on his head on the stone pavement. He was operated on at a local hospital where physicians say he has a fair chance for recovery.

## A Song of Easter.

Sing a song of Easter.  
A song of happy hours,  
Of dashing spray and shadow play  
And lovely springing flowers,  
Of birds come home again to build  
Beside the cottage eaves,  
Of waking buds and rushing floods  
And dances of rustling leaves.  
Sing a song of Easter.  
A song that means a prayer,  
Of want and love to one above  
Who keeps his world in care:  
A song for all on this green earth,  
For dear ones passed away.  
Sing clear and strong the joyful song,  
The song of Easter day.  
Sing a song of Easter.  
A song of pure delight,  
A song that starts in merry hearts  
And swells from morn till night,  
An Easter song that children lift  
Without a jarring chord,  
That thrills afar from star to star  
To praise the children's Lord.  
—Philadelphia Ledger.

## History of Arbor Day.

In 1865 the Hon. B. G. Northrop of Connecticut began to advocate the planting of trees by children, and in 1876 he offered a prize of \$1 to every boy or girl who should plant five "centennial trees." For many years the work of the committee appointed by the American Forestry association to promote the national interest in Arbor day was very successful and influential.

To ex-Governor J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska, however, belongs the honor of legally appointing Arbor day. He induced the governor of the state to issue a proclamation appointing a day for the planting of trees throughout Nebraska. April 22, 1872, was made a legal holiday, and premiums were offered to those setting out the most trees.

Upon the first Arbor day more than a million trees were planted, and so remarkable have been the results of Arbor day in Nebraska that its originator is gratefully recognized as the great benefactor of the state.

In 1870 Arbor day was first observed in Minnesota, when a million and a half trees were planted. In 1878 Kansas followed the example of Nebraska, meeting with remarkable results. Then came Iowa and Illinois, and in 1881 Michigan passed an Arbor day law. Since then Arbor day has been encouraged by the civil authorities, and the custom is now observed in over forty states.

## Easter in Mexico.

If you were visiting some little Mexican friends at Easter, says the Delinquent, they would take you early in the morning to the living room, where they would point with great glee to a large dressed doll hanging above your head, just out of reach.

"That is our plaza," they would tell you in answer to your surprised look. "Pinita! What is that?"

"Why, don't you know? Underneath the doll's dress is hidden a big paper bag filled with candies and cakes and little toys. When we have had breakfast we will each be blindfolded in turn and given a long stick. We must try to break the plaza with it; then a shower of good things will fall around us. But we can have only three turns."

It happens just as they say, only you have begged to be last and have watched your friends so carefully that you have profited by their mistakes and hit the plaza just right, so that the shower falls on you. Then what a scrambling!

## Kiteflying.

March and April are the finest months in the year for kiteflying. In Japan the boys have a special holiday known as "kiteflying day," when they bring out their wonderful and very beautiful kites for use. Japan, you know, makes the most wonderful kites in the world. They are of every color in the rainbow and represent dragons, gods, fishes—everything, in fact.

They have a way of hitching a light wagon to a large kite, which could be very easily duplicated by our American boys. Very strong cord is fastened to a large kite, and when the wind catches the kite strongly it is attached to a light express wagon. The wind takes it along at a lively clip.

## Brush and Coin.

Place in the middle of your hand, stretched out flat, a piece of money. Take a clothesbrush, give the brush to your friend and ask him to try to brush the coin off your palm. Of course he must not strike the coin with the wooden edge of the brush, because then the coin would fall, but if he is content to use the bristles of the brush he will find that the coin sticks to the hand as if it were glued and his efforts will be in vain.

## His Degree.

His people all call him "Our Bobby, M. S." Not master of science, oh no! Perhaps he will get that degree later on. Or a B. A., Ph. D. or so. He never goes putting about in the house. Always happy as a puppy can be. And smiling—the never was known to have a frown. That's why you see the M. S. degree. You've guessed it, though living off hundreds of millions. Not! Well, then, it's just Bobby, master of studies.  
—Youth's Companion.

## Aged Lochinvar Given Ten Years

G. T. Gaskins, Aged 83, Convicted of Carrying Off Neighbor's Daughter.

Dresden, Tenn., April 12.—The jury in the case of the State vs. G. T. Gaskins returned a verdict after being out twenty-four hours, giving him ten years in the penitentiary. Gaskins is 83 years of age, and is the old man charged with forcing Lizzie McDaniel his nearest neighbor's daughter, to accompany him to Paris, a distance of twenty miles, riding muleback all night, and there forced her to marry him she alleges.

She first brought suit against him for damages in the sum of \$5,000, but after this case had proceeded at some length Judge Jones threw it out of court, and the same jury was used in trying the criminal case against Gaskins, the evidence that had been taken up to that time being allowed to go as proof in the criminal trial. A new trial has been asked for, and will be argued next Wednesday. If refused the case will be appealed to the Supreme Court.

## Tom L. Johnson Passes Away

Cleveland's Celebrated 3-Cent Fare Advocate Never Gets Over Recent Defeat.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 10.—Tom L. Johnson, twice congressman from the twenty-first Ohio district, four times mayor of Cleveland, champion of three-cent street railway fares and prominent advocate of the single tax theories of the late Henry George, died in his apartments at 8:45 o'clock tonight after a long illness. Death was caused by cirrhosis of the liver. He was fifty-seven years old.

Mr. Johnson had been ill for more than a year but his condition was not thought serious until he suffered a relapse March 15. Saturday night, March 11, he attended a banquet of the Ni Si Prius club, an organization of Cleveland lawyers. He remained there until 2 a. m. Sunday and when he returned to his home he complained of not feeling well.

Tom L. Johnson from the time he entered the office of a Louisville Street Railway company as a boy of fifteen until his defeat for a fifth term as Mayor of Cleveland on November 2, 1909, was ever in the center of some storm, political or financial. And he often said it was thus that he enjoyed himself best. On January 1, 1910, Mr. Johnson surrendered the reins of office to the present mayor.

In 1903 while Mr. Johnson was mayor he was nominated for governor by the democrats of Ohio but was unsuccessful at the election.

Crushed both in health and spirit after his defeat by Mayor Baehr, the former mayor went abroad. He had hoped to regain his health but came home no better. Last summer, he spent in a cottage on Nantucket island. When he returned to Cleveland in the autumn he appeared to be recovering. However he was soon confined to his home again and left it but few times.

Besides his wife Mr. Johnson is survived by one son and a daughter.

Misses Mae and Nellie Bruner, of Knoxville, will spend Easter with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Bruner.

Distinct traces of light have been detected at the great depth of five hundred fathoms below the ocean surface by Sir John Murray's oceanographical expedition of 1910. More recently, brightly colored organisms have been dredged up from an even greater depth, in the form of rose foraminifers with rose pink shells.

After being worked for more than two hundred and fifty years, mines at Parral, South America, were much curtailed owing to the high cost of ore treatment. Two American companies are erecting cyanide mills at Parral and under their management the mines are expected to renew their former activity.

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